



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Stormy Weather Brings Much Needed Rain

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 31, 2010**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	76	68	24	60
Peanuts Dug	80	73	45	73
Peanuts Harvested	69	56	25	60
Soybeans Harvested	79	67	39	61
Winter Wheat Planted	36	27	N/A	N/A

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	10	25	39	25	1
Peanuts	13	28	46	11	2
Soybeans	9	28	46	17	0
Winter Wheat	2	11	67	20	0
Livestock	3	16	49	31	1
Pasture & Range	28	45	26	1	0

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.0	22	30	48	0
District 20	3.5	53	15	31	1
District 30	4.4	32	58	10	0
District 40	5.3	46	53	1	0
District 50	4.6	29	54	15	2
District 60	6.0	36	38	25	1
State: Current Week	4.6	36	37	26	1
State: Previous Week	6.8	61	32	7	0

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Thunder and windy weather occurred across the state last week, which provided some drought relief to several areas. Thomas Atkinson, Executive Director for Madison County stated the county received rainfall, with amounts as high as 4.5 inches. The US Drought Monitor released October 28 portrayed the state to be 100 percent abnormally dry, 93.1 moderately dry, 44.6 severely dry and 12.0 extremely dry. Three months ago, the state was 64.2 percent abnormally dry, while the state was 100 percent free from drought a year ago. Daytime highs

for the week ranged from 82 degrees in Sand Mountain and Gadsden to 91 degrees in Dothan. Overnight lows ranged from 27 degrees in Hamilton to 48 degrees in Headland. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.20 tenths of an inch in Geneva to 5.15 inches of rain in Belle Mina over a period of 3 days.

Small Grains: Winter wheat planted increased 9 percent from last week, as the crop was reported in fair to good condition. Several operators have stated that they will not begin seeding the crop until the middle part of the month, or closer to Thanksgiving. Donald Mann, Executive Director for Jackson County noted the moisture received enabled farmers to begin seeding or re-seeding their wheat.

Cotton/Corn/Soybeans: Surplus topsoil moisture was reported in Districts 20, 50, and 60. The state's topsoil moisture decreased in the very short category, while adequate conditions increased by 19 percent. Alfred Jackson, Extension Agent at Tuskegee University reported last week's severe thunderstorms provided some relief, but more precipitation is needed. Temperatures at night and early morning have declined dramatically over the past week. Cotton and soybean harvest was progressing rapidly as the harvesting progress is well above last year and the five-year average.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Jack Tatum, Regional Extension Agent for Shelby County reported he hopes the rain will continue because the ground, ponds, and creek were still dry. Ryegrass was now being seeded and hoping for more rain. Brenda Glover, Regional Extension Agent for Hale County reported the region received much needed rain, however, more rain was needed to plant and allow winter grazing growth. Jimmy Smitherman, Regional Extension Agent for Montgomery County noted the cool season forage planting was delayed but should process with the rain. Charles Simon, County Extension Coordinator for Covington County mentioned pastures were looking better in his area.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday October 25, 2010 To Sunday October 31, 2010

Weather Station	Air Temperatures				Precipitation			Precipitation since Jan 1			Avg. 4"	GDD Base 50		GDD Base 60	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	% Normal	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 46% of Corn Ac., 45% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	85	32	64	8	2.79	2.05	2	35.30	-8.26	81		101	48	50	39
Russellville	84	32	62	8	2.20	1.41	2	31.97	-13.89	70		87	48	41	34
Belle Mina	84	30	61	5	5.15	4.35	3	38.81	-5.67	87	63	86	40	39	32
Huntsville Ag	83	34	64	7	4.52	3.73	3	36.69	-9.76	79		97	44	44	32
Hamilton	89	27	61	7	1.63	0.83	2	46.42	-2.25	95		85	43	38	31
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 21% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	88	38	67	10	3.21	2.56	3	36.06	-8.29	81		124	63	63	49
Cullman Ag	83	32	61	6	2.76	2.02	3	48.17	-0.58	99	66	83	35	35	27
Sand Mountain	82	33	61	7	3.23	2.53	4	34.21	-11.61	75	61	88	44	40	33
Gadsden AP	82	34	64	8	4.09	3.40	4	32.49	-13.23	71		104	52	51	42
Bridgeport	83	34	61	8	3.18	2.31	4	41.65	-7.09	85		87	47	34	27
Guntersville	83	33	62	4	2.41	1.75	4	41.91	-2.20	95		87	27	36	22
District 30 North Central Alabama - 7% of Corn Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac.															
Thorsby	87	40	68	10	2.95	2.28	3	37.37	-9.44	80	69	136	72	73	58
Talladega	86	34	65	8	2.56	1.88	3	39.93	-7.02	85		107	51	53	42
Birmingham AP	85	40	67	9	3.32	2.63	3	41.25	-3.88	91		120	59	57	42
Alabaster	85	38	67	9	2.62	1.97	3	43.10	-4.53	90		123	60	62	47
Pinson	85	33	65	10	4.11	3.41	3	47.02	0.27	101		109	61	54	45
Opelika_Wtr_Plt	88	36	66	8	0.70	-0.04	2	38.82	-9.19	81		116	51	60	44
Alexander_City	86	35	66	8	2.69	1.95	4	35.67	-12.34	74		114	54	56	42
Tuscaloosa AP	89	36	69	9	1.93	1.18	4	35.80	-9.84	78		132	64	71	53
Jasper	85	31	62	7	2.22	1.45	3	51.15	3.58	108		88	44	38	31
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 7% of Corn Ac., 9% of Soybean Ac.															
Union Springs	90	40	70	10	1.56	0.92	4	29.59	-16.48	64		147	74	81	61
Marion Junction	89	37	67	9	2.30	1.65	4	34.39	-10.36	77	76	133	67	73	57
Montgomery AP	90	39	72	11	2.05	1.47	2	33.90	-10.25	77		152	70	87	62
Livingston	87	36	66	7	2.08	1.24	3	47.37	0.36	101		114	48	57	42
District 50 SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 7% of Corn Ac., 10% of Soybean Ac.															
Bay Minette	86	44	70	6	2.64	1.96	4	53.74	-2.51	96		145	42	76	36
Brewton AG	89	40	70	10	1.15	0.39	5	47.49	-7.09	87	81	144	69	77	56
Thomasville	86	39	68	8	1.19	0.48	4	35.67	-12.43	74		132	54	67	45
Mobile_Bates	86	44	72	8	3.86	3.24	5	52.53	-2.02	96		153	51	84	44
District 60 SE Alabama - Wiregrass 15% of Corn Ac., 8% of Soybean Ac.															
Eufaula_Wildlife	90	42	69	9	0.69	0.14	3	52.29	9.31	122		139	66	71	51
Troy_Municipal	88	38	71	10	1.25	0.63	4	40.77	-3.18	93		148	68	83	59
Highland Home	88	40	69	8	2.06	1.43	5	43.23	-3.60	92		146	66	80	57
Geneva_Ag	89	37	69	7	0.20	-0.50	2	39.50	-9.30	81	79	132	42	68	37
Headland	90	48	73	12	1.65	1.00	3	37.21	-10.28	78	79	167	82	97	69
Dothan	91	46	73	10	1.37	0.72	3	38.96	-7.41	84		160	68	90	57

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Air and Soil Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. PCT of Norm: Cumulative Rainfall since January 1 as a percent of normal (using 1961-90 normals period), 2008. Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.

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